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The Sunday School

For the last year we have been publishing notes on the Sunday-school lessons almost exactly as they appear in the Quarterly. These notes and helps have been discontinued as most of our readers have access to the Quarterly, and if they do not have they may have. It is intended however to keep up the Sunday-school department in the paper, giving a column or more to the lesson each week in the nature of a lesson story, and other space to be taken up with methods in Sunday-school work, etc.

Topic Cards

The topic cards for the young people are in the hands of the President, W. D. Furry, to whom all orders should be addressed. It is a neat card and sells at just one half the former price, that is fifty cents per hundred. Send your orders to W. D. Furry, South Bend, Ind.

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This is an offer that will not be repeated, and is good for one person only, that the one whose order comes in first. If you will send us three new subscribers at \$1.50 each, we will send you prepaid a leather lined Bible, Burgeois type, with all the Helps, maps, etc., in every way first class. Satisfaction

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Personal Mention

Brother Jacob W. Beer, Nickerson, Kan., reports one accession by baptism.

Brother J. D. McFaden reports some interesting news from the field where he holds forth the Word.

Brother Rensch will write a series of twelve short articles on the Lord's Supper, to appear once each month.

Brother D. C. Moomaw will write a series of short articles on the Book of Jonah, the first of which appears in this issue.

Brother Gillin on the "College," Livengood on the "Mission of the Church," Moomaw on "Religion in Business," Rensch on the "Lord's Supper," these furnish wholesome reading.

Please read the short parables by Brother Moomaw very carefully. Read them the second and third time. They are full of meaning, rich in truth, there are pearls in them, but you must dig for them.

Brother Puterbaugh is not only an excellent agent for the Publishing House, but he sends model reports for publication. He does not even blame the rain and the mud because there were not twice as many accessions.

Brother C. F. Yoder is now busy at work again in Chicago University. Latter part of his vacation was spent at his home in Morrill, Kansas, and while there held a meeting in the Pony Creek congregation which resulted in 18 conversions.

Brother R. R. Teeter did excellent work at Lanark, Ill., resulting in nine accessions. This showing is the better when we remember that the field where he labored is being constantly worked by Brother Livengood who leaves no "stones unturned."

Brother D. M. Fike, a minister in the G. B. church, formerly of Meyersdale, Pa., now of Carleton, Nebr., and prospectively of Sunnyside, Wash., gave us a friendly call last week. With him we spent the first year of our married life, and we would have preferred to spend a few days, instead of a few minutes together at this time.

It is not too late to call special attention to the missionary work in the Philadelphia church as reported by Brother Cassel in last week's paper. It is done systematically, and the results are seen in the moneys collected for missions. Such organizations in the different churches throughout the brotherhood would soon fill the treasury of our Mission Board.

In renewing her subscription to the paper a sister writes: "Altho a reader of many papers there is none that I welcome so eagerly as the EVANGELIST. I think the paper is a great power for good and would feel very much lost without its weekly advent into my home." Such words are always cheering and helpful to us.

Brother L. M. Hyde, clerk of the First Brethren church in N. J. writes that brother E. H. Smith, Clover Creek, Pa., came to them August 18, and remained several days, preaching for them some edifying and soul-stirring sermons. The church being in need of a pastor gave Brother Smith a call which was accepted. He is expected to take charge of the work about November 1. Brother Smith will also have charge of the mission point in N. J., under the care of Philadelphia church.

Brother Martin Shively writes: "Our Camp Meeting closed with 13 conversion. I am at present holding a meeting in Marsh Canyon, about 40 miles from home, and have good audiences and excellent interest. Altogether the work is very encouraging. My second year closed with 60 additions to our ranks,

and one came out on the Lord's side at my last appointment at Turlock. It was the heaviest year of my ministry thus far, having an average of 30 services per month, a total of 246 of which were sermons. The record for the past 30 days is 46 services, and you will not be surprised when I tell you I am about fagged out." Now here is the record of a busy man and because a busy man, a successful man. Let those who are always "tired" read this story of a year's work and cheer up.

Brief Notes

Many preachers are troubled because of empty pews. This should give them no worry. It is not a minister's business to fill pews; nowhere in the New Testament is "drawing a crowd" made a necessary qualification of the Christian ministry. His business is to preach the gospel, and to preach it faithfully. The Lord will take care of the rest.

The Arena, a monthly publication given to the discussion of anything and everything except pure religion, has suspended publication. The Christian Advocate says of it: Atheists, spiritualists, Christian scientists, clairvoyants, every sort of iconoclast or crank had access to it.

If you wish to be accounted wise, act wisely. Discontinue that habit of foolish jesting, that chatter of nothings, that irreverent allusion to sacred things. Abhor "filthy communications out of your mouth." Abhor noisy contentions. Show yourself serene and superior under strong provocation. Suffer wrong rather than do wrong. Be a "word as good as bond" kind of a man. Conduct your life upon the principle that what a man is, is vastly more important than what he has.

A German city boasts of a rubber pavement. Don't you see that you are jolting yourself all to pieces and wearing out your running gear on that rough and noisy cobblestone of care and worry? Get on the rubber pavement of trust, and see how quietly, smoothly and beautifully you will get along.

If Vanity could only learn a lesson from Wisdom, she would be silent. She would not be so loud in dress, in conceit, in self-importance, in boasting, in ostentation of wealth or wit, in impertinent intrusion into better company, and in a hundred other ways she has of exposing herself to the contempt of good sense. But then if Vanity should learn of Wisdom, she would be no longer Vanity.

The Fifty-second Annual Meeting of the American Missionary Association meets in Concord, N. H., October 25-27, 1898. The year, which closed the last day of September, has been full of encouraging evidences of God's blessings upon the work and workers. The debt, which at the beginning of the year was \$54,000, has been considerably reduced, and the Association feels encouraged in the prospects of having the debt wiped out altogether.

We are in receipt of a circular from the Congress of Liberal Religion inviting us to its fifth session to be held at Omaha in this month. The circular is addressed to the "Liberally Minded Members of our Orthodox Churches." The names of the various officers and Board of Directors are also given in the circular and the object of the Congress set forth. There is one name which we regret to find on this paper, that of Rev. I. S. Moses, Chicago, Ill., regret it because it seems to be an incongruity. Think of a Moses as a member of an Association of Liberal Thinkers!

Do not think too hardly of the man who hurts your feelings. Tho it be with a rude hand, and with no thought or care for the pain he gives you, yet he may rip up some unexpected superficiality which had begun to overlay and mildew your faith, or your love, or your humility, those realities which alone are of any worth. The faithful vitality springs to repel the poison of the sting, and by this effort manifests to its own consciousness its own immutable value. That which makes the soul enter the strong entrenchments